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Scott Kays
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT, DEPT. 16
SCOTT KAYS

Re: 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report

The Honorable Scott Kays:

I concur with the findings of the 2003 Grand Jury Report. The Grand Jury reviewed the Black Infant Health Program and identified it as a successful and worthwhile program. H&SS has operated this program since July 1991 to reduce the rate of infant mortality in the African-American population and to improve the birth outcomes for this target population.

Recommendation – Continue this program.

The recommendation of the Grand Jury has been implemented, and the program will continue in 2003/04. Since inception of this program, 1,579 women have been served. The death rate for African-American infants has been reduced from 16 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1989 to 11 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2002. The goal is to reduce the rate to 4.5 deaths per 1,000 live births by 2010 (Healthy People 2010 objective).

The First Five Commission has funded an expansion of the program for 3 years. The expanded program will serve approximately 300 (3-year period) additional women, 180 expectant fathers, and extend services to Vacaville.

I would encourage you and members of the Grand Jury to stop by and visit our program in Vallejo and Fairfield. Enclosed please find a program brochure. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff, Ms Norma Thigpen, at 553-5055.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick O. Duterte".

Patrick O. Duterte, Director

cc: Michael Johnson, Solano County Administrator
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors